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Project Title: **Energy Assurance in Alabama**
Major Participants: **Alabama Emergency Management Agency**
Alabama Department of Homeland Security

The Energy Division of the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA) will coordinate its efforts with the Alabama Emergency Management Agency (AEMA), Alabama Department of Homeland Security (ADHS), and representatives from the petroleum and utility industries of Alabama to determine what factors necessitate the changes needed to Alabama's Energy Assurance Plan (EAP). The effort will focus on communication and coordination, energy supply systems, cyber security, energy data analysis, and critical infrastructure interdependencies.

Alabama's energy supply systems will be assessed and analyzed, and any additional infrastructure interdependencies will be addressed. The Energy Division will amend Alabama's EAP as needed and ensure that state policies and procedures reflect the changes set forth by the revised EAP.

The Energy Division will attempt to solicit data from petroleum stakeholders on operating capacities and reserves located in their jurisdiction to assess fuel reserves in the State of Alabama. In addition, the Energy Division will request that the primary point of contact for Alabama, the Alabama Department of Environmental Management, consider requests from energy stakeholders to issue fuel waivers and to establish a method of notification as to the status of fuel waivers being requested by the state.

Currently, Alabama uses the Emergency Management Information Tracking System (EMITS). This system logs all phases of an incident including when the incident occurred, when and how it was responded to, and when it was resolved and by what means. The EMITS will provide the necessary information for assessing response and recovery times to determine any changes that may be necessary to Alabama's EAP.

Expertise is essential in resolving issues during a catastrophic event. The Energy Division will partner with the AEMA to incorporate new intra and inter-state training modules conducted throughout the year to assist in implementing revisions to Alabama's Energy Assurance Plan. These exercises will train all State and local personnel on energy infrastructure and proper execution of the Alabama EAP.